

CITY AND COUNTY.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

Parties in arrears for subscription to the WEEKLY BANNER are requested to call and pay the same, otherwise their paper will be stopped. We mean business.

Mr. BRANCH A. WATSON, of Barton, was in town yesterday.

We had a light norther yesterday drying the streets considerably.

The magistrates court was engaged yesterday in trying civil cases by jury.

The mayor's court is doing nothing; things generally are very quiet and the election is coming on.

The weather Sunday and Monday was all that could be desired, though the indications are favorable for rain.

PERSONAL.—Mr. J. G. Rankin, of the BANNER returned from Cincinnati Tuesday evening. He is delighted with his trip.

FARMERS generally say the crop season never opened more auspiciously than the present; the rain came in the right time and when needed.

The sheriff's deputies have been quite busy for some days summoning parties and serving various papers in connection with the approaching term of the district court.

The deep water schemes, says the Austin Statesman, seem to be all smoke and no fire. All favor deep water, but are unable to unite on the available point.

The recent sloppy weather has again forcibly presented the need of sidewalks of some kind in the business portion of town. A light coating of gravel would make an excellent temporary sidewalk.

The university regents have lately succeeded in leasing 512,000 acres of the university lands at a net rental of 4 cents an acre per year, they retain all improvements made on the lands.

The celebrated case of Thomas Dwyer vs. The City of Brenham, involving a claim of about \$22,000 for printing, was a few days ago reversed and remanded by the supreme court now in session at Galveston.

CANDIDATES can have owl meetings, sardine barbecues and lobster feasts from now on till the day of election if they feel inclined to pay the fiddler. The colored politicians will do the dancing and eating, too.

A considerable number of drummers visit Brenham daily and judging from their conversation they are all doing a tolerably fair trade. This may be taken as an evidence that a good business is anticipated during the coming season.

MANSION BROWNING, an old negro who has lived in this county for many years, is wanted in connection with crookedness in horse flesh. Mansion was arrested at Hearse the other day. The sheriff will send after him.

LAMKIN LINDSEY, a well known colored man of this county, was arrested on Saturday on complaint of another colored man charging him with horse stealing. All the trouble grew out of a debt and it is not likely that the charge will hold water.

STREET FIGHT.—Monday morning Pete Lofton, a colored man, met another colored man on the street opposite the court-house and nearly wore him out. It seems that the whipped man had been to Pete's house while drunk and misbehaved himself.

GUN, SUE, Ross has been interviewed by the Galveston News, the interview making three columns of solid matter. The interview covers a wide range of subjects and his replies to the questions were, says the reporter, frank, manly, concise and straightforward.

WEDDINGS.—County Judge Kirk, although not married himself, was on Monday called upon to marry two couples, first Alexander Rosecrans and Charlotte Hermon, white, and Perry Whitehead and Matilda Benefield, colored. The judge delivered to both couples moral lectures on their duties to themselves and to mankind and bade them go and sin no more.

The gospel meetings will be continued through this week at the Presbyterian church. The meetings to-day are as follows: Services at each church at 11 a. m. Union services at Baptist church at 3 p. m. Union services at Presbyterian church at 7:45 p. m. Notwithstanding the rainy weather during most of last week the interest in these meetings has steadily increased. The general feeling seems to be that the meetings should be continued.

On Saturday afternoon there was a meeting in this city of the old-style Republicans of the regular faith and order, such as used to run this county years ago. Only a few of the most faithful were present; it is understood that resolutions were passed and some plan of action mapped out by which hungry office seekers may again get a chance to put their hands in to the door of the public crib—at least that is their hope and that is what they are here for. The BANNER has some reporters who can climb up a roof and hear what is going on below through the flue. We propose to keep our readers posted.

Furniture Factory.

Texas has as fine timber for furniture as any state in the Union and yet there is not a furniture factory in the state; this fact is well known abroad. A gentleman in this city lately received a letter from a gentleman in Tell City, Ind., stating that a stock company had been organized, composed of first-class cabinet makers and machine hands, the object of which is to emigrate to some suitable point in Texas and establish a first-class furniture factory. They have already purchased all the necessary machinery to make a full line of furniture and have the skilled labor in a company to do a large business in that line. He states that there will be from ten to twenty families in the enterprise and asks what encouragement would be given such an enterprise, as they cannot afford to move families and machinery so great a distance without assistance.

Brenham is, we think, admirably located for the enterprise named, as it is in close proximity to the Brazos bottom with an unlimited supply of walnut, white oak, hickory and other timbers are abundant. That a furniture factory run on the most modern plan where the most of the work is done with machinery would pay there can be no doubt, from the fact that saving in freight alone would leave an ample margin for profit. Real estate is comparatively cheap here rents are low and the midland of our climate renders living much cheaper than is possible in the north. Here is an opportunity that is worthy of investigation. Further information can be obtained at this office.

ALDERMEN.—The BANNER has a suggestion to make in the matter of the election of the next board of aldermen. Upon the board of aldermen devolves the entire management of the financial affairs of the city; it is evident that the city is in straightened circumstances and that economy ought to be the watchword, but economy and parsimony are very far from being synonymous terms; useless and unnecessary expenditures should be avoided, and fair but not extravagant salaries should be paid the city officials. To do all these things requires experienced business men who are versed in financial affairs and who in addition are taxpayers, thereby making them directly interested in their own action. The office of alderman is not a sinecure; a good deal of labor and very little pay is the reward of the alderman, but it is a duty that every good citizen owes the community in which he lives to serve that community in an official capacity when called upon so to do. So much by way of introduction, now for the suggestion; it is simply this: Let the taxpayers and representative men including all classes hold ward meetings and agree upon candidates for aldermen who will fill the requirements outlined above. It can be done as easily as rolling off a log. To show that the BANNER is not selfish in this matter it states if this plan is carried out it will get but four aldermen announcements, otherwise it may get forty and would like to have about four hundred of 'em at the pitiful sum of only \$5 a head.

It is evident that the city works question is being worked for all that it is worth by some of the aspirants for municipal honors. The BANNER announced at the outset of the present city canvass that it intended to take no part in it. This announcement will be strictly adhered to. But in the meantime it would be well enough for such voters as are not thoroughly posted to know that the officials about to be elected can do nothing, either for or against the water works, until the litigation now pending is settled. The water company has instituted suit against the city in the district court, and there the matter must be arbitrated and settled and so long as it remains in court the city council is powerless to act, otherwise than through the city's counsel in court. The BANNER has said its say on the water question long ago and as the matter is in court it proposes to leave it there. It is well aware that a wide diversity of opinion exists in regard to this question; it is also aware that a diversity of opinion has no weight in settling legal questions, but at the same time it is free to say that it thinks an amiable arbitration of the water works controversy would probably be both cheaper and more satisfactory than a prolonged and expensive lawsuit, and it thinks a majority of the citizens of Brenham are in favor of even and exact justice to both the city and the water company.

The Watrousville and meeting on Saturday night afforded those negroes who spend Sundays and most other days on the street corners and in the vicinity of the bar house a theme of conversation that lasted all day Sunday. The average colored politician, especially those who are imported from the country to run city elections, are keen, shrewd and calculating; they know just how many drinks of bar house whiskey a quarter will buy and how to squeeze up a candidate's pocket book.

The celebration of Independence day, which was to have taken place last Tuesday evening and did not, will take place on next Tuesday, the 9th inst., when the published programme will be carried out.

SPLENDID JOB.—Tuesday night

after 12 o'clock Meyer & Sonberg's saloon on North street, in the rear of the opera house, was entered by burglars who first did a neat piece of work in breaking open the back door. They had during the day with a lead pencil marked the location of the bolt, lock and hasp on the back door, and by boring a couple of small holes and using a punch they had no difficulty in getting in. The safe, a pocket-size McNeal & Urban, was the next object of interest; a hole about 5-16 of an inch in diameter was drilled in the door in a line between the combination and the handle to turn the bolt; the hole was directly over the stop to the bolt and a tap or two on the punch with a sledgehammer broke the stop and the safe was unlocked by turning the knob. The burglars evidently were familiar with the construction of the lock. Eighty dollars in cash, consisting of about \$20 in bills, \$30 in dimes and nickels and the remainder in silver was stolen, also two revolvers, a silver watch and a ring. The burglars left the sledge and a chisel, but took their drill with them. No clue to the instigators.

INSTANT.—On Thursday two parties were passing near a branch about half a mile from Chappell Hill when they discovered some ground that looked very much as if something had been buried there. They were aroused and they decided to dig a little and see what they could find; they had not dug very far before they came to an old trunk which they at once opened and were rewarded by finding the corpse of an infant, supposed to be about one day old and that had been buried perhaps about the same period of time. The facts were at once reported to the authorities and upon close investigation it was developed that the infant showed signs of having been choked to death. The mystery was soon cleared up by tracing the birth to a colored girl, the step-daughter of a negro named Sam McDonald. She confessed to being the mother, but said the child was born dead. Four parties have been arrested charged with having implicated in the crime. The matter is now undergoing a judicial investigation before J. B. Glass, esquire, justice of the peace for Precinct No. 2.

Too BAD.—The way of the transgressor is hard—so is that of the newspaper man. The Galveston News' correspondent here is one of the oldest and most experienced on that paper, but in spite of age and experience he got left. Tuesday afternoon he went down a very nice account of the celebration of independence day in the evening; all the details were given; nice crowd present; reading and speaking; names of speakers—all nice and complete. But alas! it rained pitifully in the evening and the celebration did not come off; and it would seem that to add to his misery and still further mar the accuracy of the veracious report, the account of the gentleman mentioned as a speaker was not in the city. When an ill-wind blows against a newspaper man his misfortunes are manifold. If the weather had been fine the celebration would have come off; the report would have been correct and he would have been complimented on his enterprise in giving our town such a nice send off. The BANNER sympathizes and sheds tears for the unfortunate reporter; it knows the dangers that beset the newspaper man.

JUSTICE'S COURT.—Tuesday.—The day was a regular field day in this court. Wilson Harvin, colored, assaulting Mr. Bels, a German, in a neighborhood fight; fined \$5 and trimmings.

Mrs. Blount, colored, assault with intent to murder a young German, bound over to answer before the grand jury. She pulled a shotgun down on the young man.

John Noack and Frank Robison, Poles, fighting at a Sunday night ball on the Chadwick plantation; fined \$5 and trimmings each.

JUSTICE'S COURT.—Wednesday.—Martin Johnson, a negro, carrying a pistol; fined \$25 and trimmings. Martin is in jail and it is suspected that he is an escaped convict; he was sent from this county in 1880 for eleven years and has not had time to serve his sentence out. He is the negro who tried to assassinate Aaron Garrett, at his house near Chappell Hill in 1879 or 1880.

DISTRICT COURT.—This court convened on Monday the 1st inst. Hon. L. B. McFarland on the bench.

The following named grand jury were duly empaneled, sworn and charged, viz: R. Hoffman, foreman, W. W. Hendley, B. F. Dodson, Fritz Fisher, B. G. Sayles, Oscar Seward, R. B. Rivers, J. W. Woodmeyer, E. M. Griffin, James Boyd, O. R. Hughes, and Adam Mallick, colored.

Maj. T. Chappell was appointed bailiff to the grand jury and A. C. Pennington and R. S. Booker were appointed riding judges.

The grand jury, which is an exceptionally good one went to work at once.

The docket was called and the court continued till Wednesday at 9 a. m.

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Look Out for Them.

Any individual will be gradually receiving leading to the discovery and arrest of parties representing themselves as agents of the BANNER.

All of my apertures are stamped "Hawkins" on the top, and no others are genuine. For sale in Brenham only by J. H. Hawkins, Druggist.

THE LARGE SALE

Will Continue

FOR THIRTY DAYS!

And goods will be sold as before at Half Value. During March, and by April 1st, our White Goods are coming and will be here, and in return for lower prices than ever we ask the public to hold their purchases for a short time and it will pay them handsomely. Truly, yours,

NEWBOUR BRO'S.

CHAS. ZURCHER.

Branch House of the

Weir Plow Co.

MONMOUTH, ILLINOIS.

F. M. MILLER & CO'S. FINE BUGGIES, CARRIAGES AND VEHICLES OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS.

RACINE WAGON AND CAR CO'S. BAIN WAGON CO'S. Celebrated Wagons. No Equal in the Market.

Wm. Deering & Co's. New Mowers. KEYSTONE MFG. CO'S. Corn Shellers, Feed Cutters, Corn Planters, Checkers, Hay Rakes and Hay Loaders, Pulverizers, Etc., Etc. STALK CUTTERS. BEST IN THE MARKET.

STANDARD GOODS ONLY. Write for Prices and Catalogues.

CHAS. ZURCHER.

BRINZAM, TEXAS.

ELKHART CARRIAGE & HARNESS MFG CO. \$25.50

LETTER LIST.

The recent heavy rain caused several washes on the streets.

The weather was cloudy all of Wednesday with an occasional drizzle of rain. People say we have had rain enough.

CLARA LOUISE KELLOGG.—The distinguished singer and her company will come to Brenham on a guarantee of a stipulated sum, not otherwise. If our theatre-goers want her to come they must come tomorrow-day and subscribe. Box office open at A. Simon's.

Now on Track.

Two one-hundred choice ear corn from Collins county, for sale cheap. Kansas seed corn, rust proof, oats, etc., on hand. See our notice about millet seed. HUNT & CO.

Real Estate Transfers.

Recorded by the County Clerk for the week ending March 3: J. P. Jackson to P. A. Jackson, 767 acres Keganas league \$500 and other considerations.

E. L. Slaughter to T. C. Barker & Bryan, all interest in certain lands in Washington county \$300.

James R. Robertson and wife to A. M. Bass, 112 acres Bridges league \$125.

Robt. Linnon to M. V. Garey, 247 acres of land 600.

Wm. Hewitt to Calvin Hewitt, 48 acres Chaus league \$294.

E. L. Slaughter to T. C. Barker & Bryan, 103 acres Lott league \$180.

W. R. Lott and wife to Jim Johnson, 100 acres Wm. Brown, league \$1400.

Cal Wilkins and wife C. S. & E. V. McKimsey, 148 acres Dillard league \$1650.

N. J. Thompson to C. Brockschmidt, 214-100 acres Harrington league \$1800.

Spencer Crenshaw to G. A. Fitch, 10-13 acres Lott league \$180.

REPUTABLE DRUGGIST.

Never desecrate the name of the famous Druggist who offers a special "Capitain," "Capitain," "Capitain," or "Capitain," a name which is the genuine name of the famous Druggist, and is absolutely trustworthy. The reputation of the name is the result of many years' experience and honorable dealings on the part of the proprietor; and 5000 physicians, pharmacists and druggists endorse it as the best made. Beware of cheap imitations. The genuine has the "Three Stars" trademark, and is the only one that has the word "Capitain" in the name.

SPRING 1886

NEW GOODS!

I have just received novelties in Spring and summer goods, Ladies' Dress Goods and Trimmings to match, Lace, and Knit broderies of latest patterns and styles, Gingham, Nainsooks, Lawns, etc.

FULL LINE OF STAPLES!

ZEIGLER BROS.' Shoes for Ladies, Misses and Children, and Gentlemen. The nicest and cheapest line of Men's, Youth's and Children's Spring Clothing ever brought to the city. A full line of everything usually kept in dry goods stores at astonishingly low prices. Call and be convinced. No trouble to show goods.

F. A. ELDRIDGE.

H. RINGENER & BRO.

DRY GOODS!

BOOTS, SHOES, GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS.

We also keep on hand a full and complete stock of Staple and Fancy

GROCERIES!

JUST RECEIVED! LANDRETH SEED POTATOES.

PEERLESS. EXTRA EARLY VERMONT. EARLY GOODRICH. EARLY ROSE. SNOWFLAKE. BUTTER ONIONS. GARDEN SEEDS, ETC.

F. KRENTZLIN.

BALL!

There will be a Grand Ball at Palm's Hall, Pleasant Hill, on

SUNDAY EVE., MARCH 14, '86.

Good music. All are invited to attend.

The quickest time on record! Nourishment of the worst type, cured by one dose of SMITH'S BULK BEANS in from one to four hours, as many who have tried it can testify. It does seem strange that sensible people will suffer with this terrible disease when they can get relief so quickly in this simple, safe and inexpensive remedy. 25 cents. For sale by all druggists and dealers in medicine, or sent anywhere on receipt of price in stamps.

David Davis, according to his home paper, only awaits a favorable opportunity to re-enter politics.

Notice to Tax Payers.

Saturday March 6th, will be the last day of grace given by the collector. After that date all property on which the taxes are unpaid will be advertised.

SAM SCHLEIKER, Tax Coll. W. C.

Occupation Taxes.

The grand jury is now in session and all parties in arrears for occupation taxes had better come forward and pay up.

SAM SCHLEIKER, Tax Collector W. C.

Wagons Cheap.

I have for sale at less than cost three new wagons; also one second-hand wagon very cheap.

J. W. WENZ.

If you want a good, gentle, family horse call on J. W. Wenz.

Tom and Jerry at Meyer & Son, Brenham's saloon.

C. A. POTTER.

I will show on

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1886,

the most complete line of

GINGHAMS!

over offered for sale in Brenham. All of the newest novelties, and there is this spring a large line of them. Varied in style to suit all, from the sprightly miss to the staid matron. They consist of:

Toile de Nord, new styles. Renown Gingham, new styles. Canton Gingham, new styles. Exposition Seersuckers, new styles. Tonawanda Crinkles, first season out. Crissed Seersuckers, first season out. India Crinkles, first season out. Shirred Jacquards, first season out. Crinkled Seersuckers, first season out. Glendale Seersuckers, pretty and cheap. A few pieces of early spring prints in the most artistic styles. "My Ladies," Gents' and Children's Shoes for the spring trade are arriving daily. For style, quality and beauty, we will take the lead this spring. I will offer by March 1, 1886, a very handsome line of Gents' Clothing, all fine goods. No shoddy, but honest value and new styles. Give us a look before buying. Yours, determined to please, C. A. POTTER.

Building in New York.

The approaching building season will be unusually active in New York, a large number of houses will be erected and one of the features of the business, we are told, will be a change from small ones. The erection of huge, lofty apartment houses is at an end. They do not pay. Their cost is enormous, and the proportionate prices demanded for apartments in them—\$2,500 to \$6,000 a year—has placed them out of favor. They were built on an experiment in the belief that New Yorkers would consent to find in the clouds the dwelling places which the narrow limits of Manhattan island denied them in the ground, and to live in them rather than scatter to the suburbs. But the New Yorkers did not take to the proposed sardine-box arrangement, and the experiment was a total failure. It is estimated that 500 new dwellings will be erected between Fifty-ninth street and One-hundredth street, Ninth avenue and Hudson street, in the next three months—and nearly all of what are called, in New York, small houses—three stories and basement, eighteen feet wide, forty-five feet deep, and having a parlor, hall and dining-room on the first floor, two bed-rooms and bath-room on the second and three bed-rooms on the third. The hall is ornamented with a fire-place, and the basement is divided between kitchen and cellar. The cost of these houses is put down at \$8,000 to \$12,000, and the rent at \$1,000 to \$1,500. This plan with slight variations, will answer for a large number of the dwellings that are to be erected in the metropolis, this season.

St. James's Gazette: A white gorilla is on view at the Royal Aquarium at Westminster. Whether the animal is a true species or a highly-developed cross-breed is a question for the naturalists. Its height is about twenty-six inches and its age probably three or four years. The whole of its body and limbs, both arms and legs, are almost free from hair, and it has no tail. The animal is very gentle and affectionate, clasping its keeper around the neck and kissing him like a child. It drinks from a tumbler, and has a most intelligent manner. It is housed in a large, handsome cage or chamber, with an entire glass front.

Friends of William K. Vanderbilt say that he is arranging plans which promise him a vast deal of substantial pleasure. He will sever his connection with a good many business affairs that now call for attention, time and trouble. He is out of Wall street, say these friends, and, being perfectly satisfied with the size of his fortune, will not worry himself with any speculative ventures. He will establish one of the finest country residences known in this land, and will give a good deal of time to leisure there, along with the use of the new yacht which he is now asking builders to estimate upon. During the coming year he will travel in Europe.

King Milan's queen is said to be the most beautiful woman in Serbia, and by this charm, together with her decision of character, she has completely established her domination, not only over her husband's heart, but over his actions likewise. If Queen Nathalie may lay claim to being the handsomest woman in Serbia, King Milan is far from being the handsomest man there or anywhere else. His head is round and large—too large for his body—his cheeks flat and wide, with a small nose and a little mouth. When at school at Paris he was thought to resemble Prince Napoleon, and always considered himself flattered by being complimented on the likeness.

Ground for Hostility: The dress coat must go. Every little while a \$600 cloak is mistaken for an \$800 waister.—Minneapolis Tribune.

Loeche's Cough Elixir.

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It has been suggested that the president ask the senate how and why the suspended officials were appointed.

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A Lonsville Democrat is said to have the promise of appointment as superintendent of the railway mail service.

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Ex-President Mark Hopkins of Baltimore college celebrated his 54th birthday last week.

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It is not generally known that the water-pump at Columbus, Ga., is just about equal to that at Minneapolis.

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Congressman Belmont is one of the most particular of men about his foot. He wants everything cooked just so.

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Country Bride (looking over hill of fare)—John, what's "Patty de fee grass?" Groom—"Sh! don't talk so loud, or people'll think we're ignorant. It must be 'Patty de feery'."—Harper's Bazar.

When Baby was sick, we gave her CASTORIA. When she became a Child, she clung to CASTORIA. When she became a Woman, she clung to CASTORIA. When she became a Mother, she gave her Child CASTORIA.

His Bearing Was Bad.—Employer—"Don't you see what's on the door?" Pat—"A bit of paper, sir." Employer—"It says, please shut the door." Pat—"Faith, I didn't hear it, sir."—The Judge.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

In Searsport, Me., are 131 sea captains—one to every three votes.

Manitowish, Mich., has an orchestra composed of fourteen young women.

The people of this country paid last year more than \$9,000,000 for imported precious stones.

A Kansas grocer has been doing heavy business in bottles labelled "Jeffersonian Simplicity."

The fourth French republic is now enjoying its twenty-first Ministry in fifteen years.

Cancer caused fifteen deaths in Boston last week—just one-half as many as consumption.

Senator Blackburn has a shapely foot which always keeps accurately shod, but he is not much of a kicker.

The East Tennessee temperance people will try to elect representatives of their movement to the next legislature.

Ex-Gov. Smith of Vermont, who is supposed to have an eye on Senator Edmunds' seat, has gone on a trip to Mexico.

The prospects for a greatly increased acreage of bullion from Colorado in 1886 are said to be very promising.

Dancing dresses are now covered with cut iris crystal beads, which throw out all the hues of the rainbow.

George and Martha Washington were arraigned on the same day before a police court in sight of St. Mark's church.

The only picture that newspapers cannot palm off for somebody else is Ben Butler's. Once used, it is dead stock.—Puck.